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FOR ASST SECY MAYNES FROM AMB. VANDEN HEUVEL

E O 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ILO, PLAB  
SUBJ: ILO: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

REF: STATE 202728

1. IN ANTICIPATION YOUR REFTTEL, I HAD ACCEPTED A  
DINNER INVITATION OF THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR FOR  
LAST NIGHT. THE GUESTS INCLUDES AMBASSADORS OF  
AUSTRALIA, FRANCE, INDIA, JORDAN, YUGOSLAVIA,  
SUDAN, CHILE AND MEXICO; ALSO GENEVA REPRESENTATIVE  
OF THE ARAB LEAGUE.

2. IN THE COURSE OF THE EVENING, WE HAD AN  
OPPORTUNITY FOR A REVIEW OF THE ILO SITUATION.  
THE YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE G-77,  
IS MEETING BLANCHARD ON MONDAY TO OBTAIN AN  
OFFICIAL COPY OF THE LEVGAL ADVISOR'S OPINION. HE  
DOES NOT ANTICIPATE ANY SIGNIFICANT OBJECTION TO  
IT WITHIN THE G-77. ALTHOUGH HE WOULD STRONGLY  
PREFER THE U.S. TO WITHDRAW ITS NOVEMBER 1975  
LETTER SO AS TO REMOVE "A SWORD OF DAMOCLES," HE  
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BELIEVES THAT IF THE U.S. CHOOSES THE OPTION TO  
EXTEND THE NOTICE, THE PRESIDENT WOULD DO IT IN  
SUCH A WAY AS TO MAKE THE AMERICAN OBJECTIVES  
REALIZABLE WITHIN THE YEAR BY REAFFIRMING CARTER  
ADMINISTRATION ATTITUDES TOWARD THE LDCS WHICH  
INCLUDES LISTENING AND HEARING G-77 ASPIRATIONS  
REGARDING THE ILO.

3. THE DISCUSSION CLEARLY REFLECTED THAT THERE WERE NO IDEOLOGICAL OBSTACLES TO U.S. OBJECTIVES IN THIS GROUP. THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED THAT A SMALL AND COMPLETELY INFORMAL GROUP BE ESTABLISHED IMMEDIATELY AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL TO BRING ABOUT A RESPONSIBLE DISCUSSION RELATING TO ARTICLE 17 AMENDMENT AND OTHER RESTRUCTURING PROPOSALS. G-77, EC-9 AND IMEC GROUPS WILL BE ASKED INFORMALLY TO DESIGNATE AMBASSADORS WHO CAN REFLECT BROAD VIEWPOINTS OF THEIR GROUPS. THE HOPE IS TO DEFINE THE SITUATION IN A REALISTIC FRAMEWORK. EVERYONE IS AWARE THAT ANY CONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION OF ILO STRUCTURE AND PURPOSES WILL TAKE MONTHS BUT THE AMBASSADORS PRESENT LAST NIGHT HOPE THAT PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WILL REVEAL A BROAD RANGE OF MUTUAL INTERESTS WHICH MAY ENCOURAGE U.S. TO CONCLUDE THAT ADDITIONAL TIME MAY BOTH ACHIEVE U.S. OBJECTIVES AND SAVE THE ILO. VANDEN HEUVEL

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